



## Helping future teachers

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Area students who want to major in education soon may be eligible for financial support at Lynchburg College if they commit to working for one of five area school districts.

Teachers for Tomorrow, a statewide program, started as an initiative to train high school students interested in the education field. The program is in the form of an introductory class.

But the implementation of a local program by the same name will take that goal even further by offering scholarships to students who take the course and major in education at LC.

If successful, the pilot program may eventually spread to other colleges, said Ed Polloway, dean of graduate studies at LC.

Appomattox High School is in its second year of offering a Teachers for Tomorrow class, said Janice Marston, director of instruction and personnel for Appomattox County Schools.

The course includes the basics on teaching and provides field experience, she said.

Amherst County also has the class, Polloway said. Next year, schools in Bedford and Campbell counties as well as the city of Lynchburg also may adopt the program.

"We're hoping to use the (Appomattox) model to create similar classes in the other school divisions," said Jordan Kicklighter, institutional and academic grants officer at LC. "We are hoping that eventually we'll be able to provide scholarships for more and more students."

Support from LC will come through special financial aid loans that are absolved over time when a student enters the education field, Polloway said.

Although details have not been decided, school divisions also may give scholarships to students in exchange for a commitment to work for the schools in the future.

"We're all partners in this but some are in different stages of the process," Polloway said. "I think what is universal is that every one of us identifies this as a priority for the future."

An upcoming information session May 22 will seek to answer students' and parents' questions about the program and how each school division will participate, Kicklighter said.

Students who would like to attend should contact their guidance counselor by May 10 to reserve their spot.

"Our event is certainly open to younger students and their families," Polloway said.

Marston is anticipating the possibilities that the program will present, she said.

"We're always excited to have our students come back and become teachers in the school division," she said.

#### Seminar

- What: Teachers for Tomorrow information

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- When: 6 to 8 p.m. May 22
- Where: Lynchburg College's Memorial Ballroom in Hall Campus Center
- Deadline to sign up: Interested students should talk to their guidance counselor by May 10 to sign up.